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SUBJECT: MODE - GSA/FSS REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AMERICAN
OFFICER POSITION FOR EXCESS PROPERTY RECLAMATION/DISPOSAL

1. DEPARTMENT IS POUCHING TO EMBASSY COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO REQUEST, BY GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION/FEDERAL SUPPLY SERVICE, TO ESTABLISH AT KAISER-SLAUTERN DEPOT AN AMERICAN POSITION FOR PROPERTY UTILIZATION SPECIALIST, GS-12. REQUEST STEMS FROM GSA NEED TO IMPLEMENT PL 94-519, OCTOBER 17, 1976 (ALSO POUCHED).

2. GSA ELIMINATED A SIMILAR SPECIALIST POSITION IN GERMANY IN NOVEMBER 1975 FOR REASONS OF ECONOMY. UNDER CURRENT PROPOSAL, GSA WOULD TAKE OVER THE SPONSORSHIP OF, AND EMPLOY, A SPECIALIST HERETOFORE EMPLOYED BY DHEW AND PAID

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BY SEVERAL STATE AGENCIES FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY. WHEN OPERATED BY DHEW, THE POSITION DID NOT COUNT AGAINST MODE CEILING SINCE ITS COSTS WERE FULLY REIMBURSED. UNDER GSA PROPOSAL, POSITION REQUIRES MODE CLEARANCE.

3. AS POUCHED CORRESPONDENCE INDICATES, DEPARTMENT HAS URGED GSA/FSS TO TRY TO MEET ITS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

UNDER PL 94-519 WITHOUT ADDING TO THE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL

AMERICANS RESIDING ABROAD. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH FSS STAFF THREE OPTIONS, ALL REGARDED BY THEM AS UNDESIRABLE: (A) HIRING A FOREIGN NATIONAL SPECIALIST FOR THE KAISER-SLAUTERN JOB, (B) PERFORMING THAT WORK BY TDY OUT OF WASHINGTON, OR (C) ELIMINATING ONE OF THE TWO US POSITIONS OPERATED BY FSS AT WIESBADEN, THUS FREEING A MODE SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE A RESIDENT GS-12 AT KAISERSLAUTERN.

4. PENDING FORMAL RESPONSE BY GSA TO OUR LATEST SUGGESTIONS, WE ARE ASKING EMBASSY TO TAKE NO SPECIAL ACTION, BUT WANT YOU TO KNOW OF THE STANCE ADOPTED HERE, IN TRYING TO ADHERE TO WHITE HOUSE DESIRES TO LIMIT AND REDUCE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL AMERICANS RESIDING ABROAD. CHRISTOPHER

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